

## LLAMA Spotlight

### Leadership Development Seminar

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*Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Alison Armstrong, Chair of the LLAMA Leadership Development Committee, about the annual LLAMA Leadership Development Seminar which will be held during ALA Midwinter in Dallas on January 22, 2012 at 1:30pm (location TBD).*

**Don't miss out! -  
Save the Date!!  
1:30 pm on  
January 22, 2012**

### What is the LLAMA Leadership Development Seminar?

The Leadership Development Seminar is an annual opportunity at midwinter to come together to learn, to participate in a lively conversation about a current topic of interest and to hear from the current and incoming LLAMA Presidents. It is a thematic dialogue with both expert and emerging leaders that will provide energy and inspiration for all the program planning and strategy meetings that occur at Midwinter. The LLAMA seminar topic reflects the current LLAMA President's theme. Past sessions have examined:

- multi-generational strategies (2009);
- facilitative leadership (2010);
- unexpected leadership (2011).

In 2011-12, Janine Golden's theme is Recruitment, Retention and Mentoring of New Librarians. Pat Hawthorne is the current LLAMA President-Elect and will unveil her priorities with the commencement of her presidency.

In Dallas, we will hear from librarians, both experienced and new, who have participated in the Tall Texans Leadership Development Institute. The speakers will share their insights into how local non-library professional organizations can support our libraries ideas and development. We will also hear from the current team of LLAMA Emerging Leaders on their most recent research topic.

### Why attend? What are the goals of LLAMA in putting on the Seminar each year?

Professional development and networking are the goals of the LLAMA Leadership Development committee when planning this annual event. Alison points out that the seminar is structured into two panel presentations; however, there is plenty of time for lots of good discussion and networking. Experienced librarians will catch up with colleagues and new librarians will have a great opportunity to meet and get to know people who are already library leaders.

### **Who should attend?**

Everyone! Current LLAMA members should not miss this important event and anyone interested in leadership issues should plan to attend. Alison states that “everyone will benefit from the conversations; in fact it is the diversity of voices from other Divisions, different types of libraries, or librarians at different points in their careers that make the conversations so rich and relevant.”

There is no cost to attend this LLAMA seminar and there are no attendance restrictions. Please plan to participate; we look forward to seeing all of you in Dallas!

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